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In re Application of  
Jeffrey D. Saffer et al  
Serial No.: 09/409,260  
Filed: December 21, 1999  
Attorney Docket No.: 01413.0010

PETITION DECISION TO RESTART  
PERIOD FOR REPLY

This is in response to applicant's petition under 37 CFR § 1.181, filed February 08, 2002, requesting restarting of the period for reply.

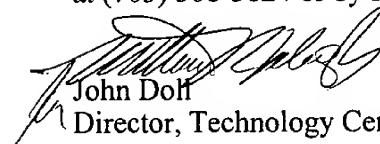
A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed a non-final Office action to applicants on December 14, 2001, setting a one month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants state that they did not receive the Office action until February 1, 2002, more than one month after the mail date thereof. Applicants' statement and evidence are acceptable and the period for reply will be adjusted accordingly.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

**The period for reply to the Office action mailed December 14, 2001, is hereby restarted as of applicants' date of receipt, February 1, 2002.**

**The reply received with the Office action will be entered and the application forwarded to the examiner for further action thereon.**

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

  
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